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CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE



Charlie Elphicke, centre, celebrates his election-night victory with fellow Conservatives at Dover Town Hall. The result ended Gwyn Prosser's 13-year tenure as Labour MP for the Dover and Deal constituency

■ BY NICK AMES

TORY Charlie Elphicke is the new MP for "the jewel in the crown of England" – but says the hard work starts now.

He took the Dover and Deal seat from Labour's Gwyn Prosser with a 5,274-vote majority.

Mr Elphicke said after his election to Parliament that he already felt the weight of responsibility on his shoulders.

He said: "I'm amazed, stunned. But there's a real level of responsibility I now have to deal with. I want to make sure we save the port and ensure we have a proper hospital.

"Dover is the gateway to England and could be the jewel in the crown of our nation, but we need more investment and more jobs. I'm deeply honoured to represent the people of Dover and Deal."

Mr Elphicke said he wanted to establish east Kent as an important destination for visitors.

"We have to realise how amazing this part of Kent is. We have so much here and need to make the most of it," he said.

"I'm excited and shall enjoy myself in due course. But the hard work starts now. The heavy weight of responsibility is already clear to me."

Mr Elphicke beat sitting Labour MP Gwyn Prosser into second place, with John Brigden of the Liberal Democrats third.

Mr Prosser said: "The regeneration of Dover is going ahead and it's important everyone realises that. I really don't want the Conservatives to undermine it."

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Town grabs the chance to mark sandwich week

■ BY NICK AMES

SANDWICHES are again putting Sandwich in the spotlight as the town celebrates one of Britain's institutions.

British Sandwich Week, which runs until Saturday, presents a great opportunity to celebrate a snack named after the town.

The story goes that the 4th Earl of Sandwich, who lived in the 18th century, was so keen to continue a gambling session that he ordered a snack of meat between two slices of bread rather than a formal meal.

The idea passed into culinary history after the other gamblers liked what they saw and shouted to servants: "The same as Sandwich".

The earl was known as a hell-raiser in his time – famous for his card games and parties.

But a more respectful account of the invention claims that the earl ordered the meal as he was so busy with affairs of state that he could not leave his desk.

The title lives on and the current earl, John Montagu, who spends most his time in the US, is set to visit the town later in the year.

He has carried on the family tradition by opening his own sandwich shop at a Disney park in collaboration with celebrity restaurant chain Planet Hollywood.

Sandwich has a number of cafés and take-aways where the institution is celebrated, and tourists sometimes ask if they are receiving "an official Sandwich sandwich".

This year saw the appearance of celebrities such as Frank Lampard, Pamela Anderson and Jenson Button in the town as Walkers Crisps launched a high-profile advertising campaign highlighting



HELL-RAISER: The 4th Earl of Sandwich

the joys of crisps with a sandwich.

A spokesman for the coming event said: "The Great British Sandwich has become something of an institution and, in recent years, Britain's single most important food."

"Each year we eat in excess of 11.5 billion sandwiches, some three billion made by a commercial industry that now employs more than 330,000 people."

"Unlike so many other foods today, the average sandwich is wholesome, healthy – how much so depends on the filling – and ideally suited to today's lifestyles where people want foods that are portable and easy to eat."

Appeal for witnesses after claim of assault

POLICE investigating what is believed to have been a domestic assault in Dover are appealing for witnesses as they continue enquiries.

A 24-year-old woman was at Pencester Road bus station in the town centre between 7.30pm and 8pm on Friday, April 9, when it is alleged that she was assaulted by a man who pushed and hit her.

A 35-year-old man has been arrested and released on bail.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to phone PC Maxine Harris on 01304 218123, or alternatively Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, where all calls are confidential.

Biography looks at actor's life in Kent

HOLLYWOOD legend David Niven and the Kentish links that helped him on the road to superstardom are re-examined in a new book.

The late star of *Around The World In 80 Days* lived in the county for several months from December 1931, when he met Woolworths heiress Barbara Hutton, who would give him his first taste of America – the Woolworths heiress Barbara Hutton.

His time in Kent forms part of a new biography by Michael Munn, who first met the star in 1970.

Mr Munn said: "He and his mate used to travel up to London because that's where the action was. He probably thought Dover was a bit quiet."

• **David Niven – The Man Behind The Balloon** is available through JR Books, priced £8.99

Councils join forces for better recycling

DOVER District Council and Shepway District Council, in partnership with Kent County Council, are to enter into a joint contract for recycling and waste collections.

The councils say the deal will offer economies of scale which will help to ensure that they get the best price for the collection-and-disposal service.

Staff also say the collections will be more efficient and services should improve.

The local authority would like to give residents the chance to help shape the new service before a new contractor is appointed in July and before the new recycling and waste collections start.

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The Edwardian-style tea rooms will be offering a variety of culinary creations on starched-linen tablecloths and crockery, cake stands and silverware originally from London's Savoy Hotel.

These will include cream teas, together with the new chocolate cream teas – which are always among customers' favourites.

Finger sandwiches offer a choice of fillings, and diners can wash them down with a selection of teas, coffees and herbal infusions or a glass of wine or Champagne.

The Secret Gardens of Sandwich contain 30 of the UK's 33 native species of trees, as well as some rare and unusual exhibits which are now



coming into bud in the Tropical Garden, The White Garden and The Yellow Garden.

The Secret Gardens remain one of the area's best-kept secrets, despite a £2 million restoration scheme.

A team of eight gardeners works

throughout the year to ensure the gardens are always at their best for visitors.

This example of a Lutyens-Jekyll manor house and garden was also a recent recipient of one of KOS Media's business awards.

Beaten Prosser vows to help a Labour comeback

LABOUR'S Gwyn Prosser has vowed that his party will live to fight another day in Kent.

Mr Prosser, who served the Dover and Deal constituency for 13 years, believes that Labour can turn things around nationally and locally.

He was ousted by Tory Charlie Elphicke, who secured the seat by 5,274 votes.

Mr Prosser said: "Thirteen years ago, before 1997, there was not a single Labour MP in the county and only two in the South East – then our fortunes changed."

Speaking about his rival party's campaign, he admitted the 'Vote For Change' message may have attracted voters.

"It was hugely seductive and the electorate chose to give them a chance," he said.

"But this is absolutely not the end for Labour in Kent and nationally we don't know who's going to be Prime Minister this time next year.

"It is very likely there will be another general election and whatever happens we will continue doing what we have always done and fight for what's best for the county.

"We at the Labour Party know David Cameron has no credible plans to take this country into recovery."

Mr Prosser said his party would start at grassroots level to win back the support of the people.

After the dust from election night had settled, Mr Prosser told this paper yesterday (Tuesday) that he thought Labour should work in opposition and that it was right for Gordon Brown to step down.

Mr Prosser said it was clear from what he was told on the doorstep that Mr Brown was a factor in voters' minds.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

He said: "I've always supported Gordon Brown through thick and thin, but it was clear we were going through a particularly thin period during the election.

"The results in Kent and the South East demonstrated that people were more concerned about Gordon Brown than they were about the Labour Party.

"I think he has done the honourable and respectful thing of not becoming an obstruction to accommodating the LibDems in a coalition."

Silver spoon

But when asked about the possibility of forming a Lib-Lab government, he said: "My honest feeling is that a so-called rainbow coalition wouldn't be sustainable.

"By casting the net wider, we'd be at the beck and call of individual members representing a very small minority of people, such as a Scottish or Welsh nationalist MP, and the public would be denied what they want."

As to whom he would like to see as a future Labour leader, Mr Prosser said: "I would support Alan Johnson. In this age of personality and televised politics, he would stand out as he has bags of charisma and is from a genuinely working-class background.

"He would provide good leadership and present a very clear, vivid contrast between himself and a Tory leader born with a silver spoon in his mouth, who's benefited from an expensive and privileged education."

It was a grim night in Kent for Labour, who lost all their seven seats in the county.



OUTGOING: Gwyn Prosser leaves after the count which saw him lose his Dover and Deal seat to Charlie Elphicke

Immigration 'not reason for defeat'

THE ousted Labour MP for Dover and Deal says he doesn't believe worries over immigration cost him his seat, but he admits it was among the biggest concerns locally.

Gwyn Prosser said even Gordon Brown's 'bigot' comment didn't damage his chances of keeping Dover voters on his side. But he admitted worries over illegal immigrants arriving through the port came at number three in the list of doorstep moans.

He said: "If worries over immigration were going to play a part in any seat, it would be here in Dover.

"I make no bones about it, the concerns are definitely there. The common response I was getting in my mailbox and on the doorstep was that people were worried about their jobs and they would link that with immigration.

"Many would confuse planned, managed, limited immigration with asylum and illegal immigration. They were concerned about those coming from eastern Europe and Poland and taking people's jobs and driving down salary settlements by accepting low pay."

Complained

He also played down the moment when Mr Brown was caught calling a woman "bigoted" when she complained about immigrants.

Mr Prosser said: "People told me what he [Mr Brown] said was wrong, but then they [the electorate] were moving on, so I don't think many changed their vote just because of that."

Dover and Deal's new MP Charlie Elphicke said immigration was fourth on people's list of concerns, behind the port sell-off, health and jobs.

He said: "People were concerned about Gordon Brown's plan to sack front-line immigration officials.

"People thought that was wrong and believe our country should be protected. There was a lot of passion about that on the doorstep."

Elphicke was confident May 6 would be a night to remember

■ BY NICK AMES

ALTHOUGH the predictions for Dover and Deal were that the seat would be close, in the end Conservative Charlie Elphicke won out convincingly.

Mr Elphicke was confident even before the count.

He had said: "I have done all I can do. But it is going to be a very tough task. There are hard times ahead, but I will do my best for the people of Dover and Deal.

"I would like to pay tribute to Gwyn Prosser – he has done his best for the people of the constituency. He has conducted himself with dignity and I have a lot of respect for him."

As he approached the count at the town hall, Labour's Gwyn Prosser said he felt the seat was lost.

He said: "I've been pounding the streets for weeks, but we now have to face facts.

"My great concern is for the people that have fought my campaign who have put their heart and soul into it, but I fear it is not the right result."

Both the main parties paid tribute to one another following the Conservative victory.

But Mr Elphicke celebrated with his supporters as there was a 10.4 per

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CHARLIE ELPHICKE (Conservative)	22,174
GWYN PROSSER (Labour)	16,900
JOHN BRIGDEN (Liberal Democrats)	7,962
VIC MATCHAM (UKIP)	1,747
DENNIS WHITING (BNP)	1,104
MICHAEL WALTERS (English Democrats)	216
DAVID CLARK (Christian Peoples Alliance)	200
GEORGE DEE-LISLE (Independent)	82

Majority 5,274
Turnout 70.1 per cent

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Charlie Elphicke is new MP for Dover and Deal. Search 'Elphicke'

cent swing from Labour to the Tories, who took 44 per cent of the vote.

The count at the town hall was well attended, with supporters of all parties prominent.

Important

Liberal Democrat John Brigden was the first candidate for the major parties to appear, with Mr Elphicke

and Mr Prosser both arriving less than an hour before the result was announced.

But award for best-dressed candidate went to UKIP's Vic Matcham – resplendent in patterned shirt and dark suit.

He said: "I have had a great campaign and I think I have highlighted some important local issues."



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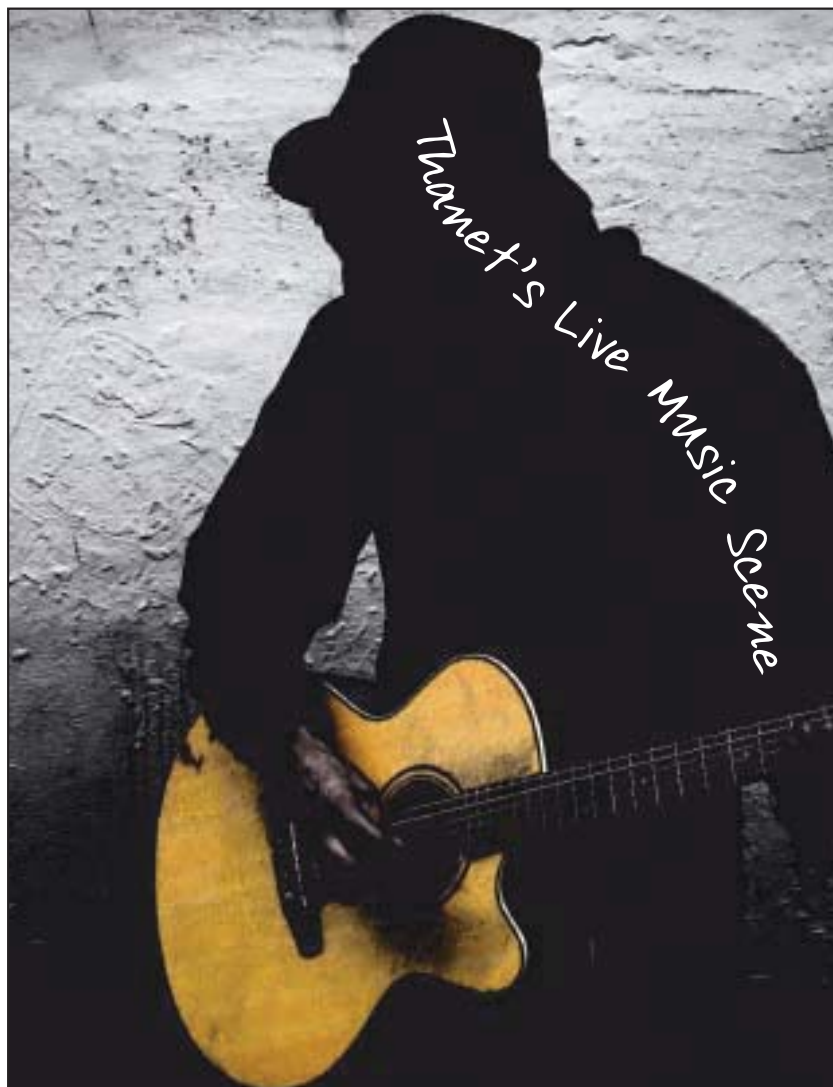
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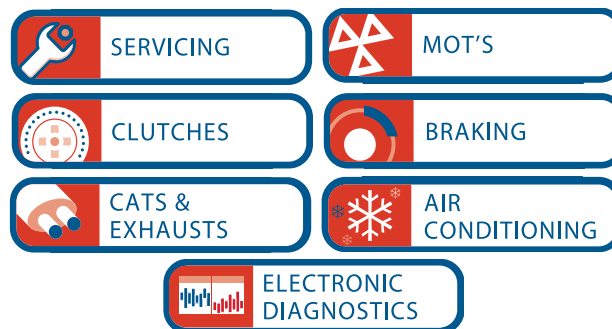
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Border staff cuts 'could lead to an immigration free-for-all'

A NATIONAL newspaper has raised fears that the Port of Dover could be overrun by illegal immigrants if senior border staff are axed.

The Daily Mail said all 24 staff with the title 'immigration officer' – responsible for deciding whether migrants should be let into the country – will lose their jobs, even though they have been credited with 40 per cent of the removals of illegal immigrants from Kent last year.

It claims the UK Border Agency plans to use cheaper junior staff, who will not have the same powers to challenge those suspected of being illegal immigrants or visa over-stayers.

And the paper reports what it calls another blow – proposals are also being made to shut the 60-bed Dover detention centre which is used

■ BY NICK AMES

detain offenders before deportation and to hold immigrants awaiting interview.

The article quotes Sue Kendal, branch secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union, who said: "Dover is losing its entire immigration-officer team and we are in danger of reverting to the days of mass influxes."

"We risk leaving the door open for a free-for-all, including people who want to harm the UK. The Government talks tough, but in reality it is cutting front-line officers."

The paper says: "Two chief immigration officers will also be axed, leaving just five, and assistant officers will decrease from 23 to 21."

"The cuts, revealed in a leaked email, do not affect immigration officers on the Continent who check passports."

Mrs Kendal then said: "Immigration officers do what we call 'challenging interviews', meaning they can challenge the answers given."

"Assistant immigration officers have far fewer powers and can't do this, but of course they're much cheaper to employ."

"They also won't be operating for 24 hours a day any more. Kent is the UK's front line for immigration, but some posts are being moved to Croydon, which is hardly a hotbed of illegal-entry activity."

In the job cuts memo, regional deputy director Graham Ralph wrote: "The budget for Kent, including Dover, will be reduced by £1.5 million annually."

A spokesman for UKBA said: "We are consulting with unions and staff over the planned restructure of our Kent immigration team."

All remaining staff will have to reapply for their jobs.

Wartime evacuees are to be reunited

SEVENTY years ago, as the German army blitzed its way through France and the threat of invasion was imminent, there was a sudden rush to evacuate children from the Kent coast.

On Sunday, June 2, in 1940, some 3,000 Dover children aged between five and 17 were marched to Dover Priory railway station, where a series of trains took them to South Wales.

Some were to stay there for four years. Now a reunion is being organised for those evacuees who were torn away from their homes and families.

A thanksgiving service is to be held at St Mary's Church, Dover, at 10.45am on Sunday, June 6, followed by a reunion.

The event is being held at the request of former evacuee Terry Sutton, while the town hall reception is being organised by 82-year-old John Lockyer, from Hove, who was evacuated to Blaenavon in South Wales with his Dover St Mary's school on June 2.

"I was among several hundred who arrived in South Wales after a 14-hour tiring train journey," he said.

FILM ROLES FOR KAROL

Actress Karol Steele has landed speaking roles in two short films in as many weeks.

The 48-year-old from Buckland Avenue, Dover, has been kept busy over recent weeks shooting her scenes in Marty's Project and Too Much Cheese.

Marty's Project, by Kanga Reel Productions, is a story about Marty Lane, who wants to be a serious film artist, but the world just doesn't want him to be.

Karol plays the mother of one of the lead characters, Frances, in a flashback to the 1960s.

The scenes were shot in Holter's Mill in Canterbury, showing the day that Frances's father walked out of the family home.



£1,000 fine for waste-carrier

AN UNLICENSED waste-carrier has been fined £1,000 after being stopped with dozens of fire-extinguishers in his vehicle.

Peter Frank Martin, 59, of Snowdon Caravan Site, Dover, was stopped in Swale in October 2009 during a joint police and council crackdown of unlicensed tradesmen.

Martin was issued a fixed-penalty notice at the scene, but he failed to pay the fine, which resulted in him being prosecuted for the original offence. The defendant failed to attend court and he was found guilty in his absence.

Martin was charged with carrying controlled waste without a licence.

He was given a £1,000 fine and ordered to pay £100 in costs.

Sharon Allen, environment enforcement officer for Swale council, said: "If you are a householder, or a business, you have a duty of care to ensure that anyone who takes your waste away is licensed to do so by the Environment Agency."

"We know that the issue of flytipping is of real concern to our residents and is one of the issues that we work hard to address – through education as well as enforcement."

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Heroes return to the country they liberated



■ BY NICK AMES



PIVOTAL ATTACK: Operation Market Garden fills the skies and, right, paratroopers take a break in Arnhem

THIS week sees the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland and up to 380 veterans who fought from the Normandy beaches on D-Day have crossed the Channel to mark the occasion.

A number of coachloads left the Port of Dover last week heading for the lands that they freed from the Nazis at the end of the Second World War.

The events in Holland are being coordinated by the Normandy Veterans Association, and Norfolkline supplied free transport for five coaches on its Dover-Dunkirk ferry service.

Peter Hodge, who raises funds for veterans, said: "It's brought back memories and we have been treated extremely well. The Dutch people appreciate what the Allied soldiers did.

"It is a very emotional occasion for everyone. In one village there was dancing in the streets

and many veterans received medals. We were also able to thank the Dutch Resistance, who helped many British and other Allied troops and airmen, and we were able to show it was a combined effort to liberate Holland."

Holland was liberated by Canadian troops, with the assistance of British and American armies, with the French also playing a part.

On May 5, 1945, the Canadian General Charles Foulkes and the German Commander-in-Chief, Johannes Blaskowitz, reached an agreement on the capitulation of German forces in Hotel De Wereld in Wageningen, Holland.

This followed Operation Market Garden, which saw airborne troops dropped on to vital bridges over the Rhine. The attack – one of the most famous of the war – was unable to secure the bridge at Arnhem.

But last week, the British veterans who did liberate the Dutch were applauded for their heroism at several events, including a service

in the village of Zutphen. They were joined by Canadian and Belgian veterans who had assisted in the liberations.

There was also a group from the Dutch Resistance, who sheltered airmen who had been shot down. Those who were caught harbouring Allied troops risked their own lives.

After the liberation in 1945, Liberation Day was commemorated every five years. Finally, in 1990, the day was declared to be a national holiday when the liberation would be commemorated and celebrated every year.

On May 4 each year, the Dutch hold the Remembrance of the Dead event for the people who have fought and died during the 1939-45 conflict and wars in general.

There is a remembrance gathering in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam and at the National Monument on the Dam Square in Amsterdam.

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MARK HURST



Q How long have you been connected with the town?

A I was born in Headcorn, a long time ago! I did most of my growing up in Hampshire and have now returned to my roots.

Q When did you become a vet?

A I have worked as a vet for 20 years, since qualifying from the Royal Veterinary College in 1990. I worked originally in West Sussex in a mixed practice before returning to work at the RVC for a year's internship. After this I worked at a veterinary hospital in Essex for eight years before coming to Ashford in 2000, where I have worked at the Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital since. Over the past 20 years I have developed my interests in diagnostic imaging and surgery.

Q How did your interest in animals begin?

A Strangely, my interest in becoming a vet stems from when I was about seven years old and I picked up a lizard in the school playground. Its tail fell off and a friend said that if I was a vet I could put that back on.

Q What have been your most memorable experiences in the profession - good and bad?

A My most memorable experience was a few years ago when I worked in Essex. I saw a

puppy with a heart defect whose owner could not afford to see a specialist.

I managed to persuade my boss to let me operate for free, rather than put her to sleep. The operation was a great success, although the puppy didn't show any gratitude and bit me when I took her stitches out.

The worst part of the job is the long hours and the days when, try as you might, there are some animals that just won't get better.

Q Do Ashford people look after their animals well?

A I think that the animals I see here in Ashford are by and large as well looked after as anywhere else I have worked. There are always some animals that could be looked after better, but the majority of ones that I see are brought to me because their owners care.

Q Do you think pet insurance is vital these days?

A Pet insurance is a useful thing to have. It does two things, to my mind. The first is to enable you to afford the best treatment possible for your pet, which may mean specialist treatment or ongoing medication. The other is that if your pet is ill, it takes away another major source of concern for you at that time.

Anyone who works with the general public will tell you that people are more demanding of wanting the best. This isn't unreasonable, but it comes at a cost.

Q Do you think that dogs and cats should be registered?

A Registration of pets is a hot topic. I am on the fence at the moment. It is not the people who would register their animals whose pets are causing the problems, and I am not in favour of penalising responsible pet-owners. A form of permanent identification is a very good idea. This is why we are offering free identity-chipping to all animals registering for the VIP discount scheme at Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital in Ashford.

Q What would you say to someone thinking of becoming a vet?

A I would say: try to spend some time at a vet's surgery. Get a feel for the type of work this involves. If you think it's about stroking puppies and kittens, you may be in for a shock. It is a demanding profession to get into and a demanding job to do. When you get it right, I don't think you could get more job satisfaction doing anything else.

Q How do you spend your spare time?

A I have two children, of whom I am immensely proud, and I spend as much time with them as I can. My biggest stress relief is getting out on one of my bikes for a few hours, trying to find some hills to climb, although my friends tell me I seem to spend most of my time decorating.

Q&A

The vet from Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital in Ashford talks to **Jenny Armstrong** about how he became interested in animal medicine, the best and worst parts of his job, and how he cycles up hills to beat stress

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Staff and a team of volunteers at the Centre for Kentish Studies at County Hall, Maidstone, will be working hard to list, clean and repack the collections ready for the big move.

There will be a series of short closures at the Centre for Kent Studies in Maidstone and the East Kent Archive Centre in Dover. The first will be from Monday, May 31, to Friday, June 11, at both centres.

Summer of walking

EXPLORE Kent is aiming to organise one of the biggest and best walking festivals in the country this summer.

Explore Kent has worked with walking groups and guided-walk leaders across the county, including the North Kent Walking Festival, Gravesham Heritage Festival and Thanet Walking Festival.

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KCC's winning staff

TWO young members of staff at Kent County Council have beaten off national competition to scoop this year's Young English County Council Of The Year Award.

Tom Marsh and Daniel Vokes defeated 18 other teams to take the category title and also finished in third place overall at the Young Local Authority Of The Year Awards 2010, held in Lancaster.

Town Rolls out celebrations for famous flight

■ BY NICK AMES

PREPARATIONS have started for a celebration that will see a unique parade of makes of the world's most famous car.

Dover is set to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first non-stop return flight across the Channel by Charles Rolls, and the town's many local connections with the iconic Rolls-Royce company, with a special centenary celebration on Sunday, June 6.

Dover District Council and Dover Town Council are organising free events to mark the centenary and are welcoming this as a prestigious opportunity for the area. The event is being supported by Rolls-Royce Plc.

Events lined up by the district council include a display of up to 100 historic and new Rolls-Royce cars on Dover seafront, organised in partnership with the South East section of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club.

There will also be the chance to see Charles Rolls's only surviving car, an original 8hp Panhard Levassor, which he brought to one of the UK's earliest shows at Crabble Athletic Ground in 1899.

An exhibition at Dover Museum from June to September and the statue of CS Rolls on Dover seafront will be refurbished and rededicated on June 6.

This year is the centenary of the first non-stop return flight across the English Channel, from Dover to Calais and back, by Charles Rolls.

The internationally-renowned Rolls-Royce company had many other local connections with the Dover area.

Henry Royce and his engineers were based in St Margaret's between 1913 and 1917, where they developed the first Rolls-Royce aero engines.

Claude Johnson, the first managing director of Rolls-Royce, had a weekend house for many years in Kingsdown.

From 1908 until just after the First World War, Palmer's of Dover – later Jenkins and Pain – was one of a few select coach-building companies providing bodywork for Rolls-Royce cars.

Paul Watkins, leader of Dover District



HISTORIC CLEAN-UP: The statue of Charles Rolls in Dover is being renovated for the special centenary event in June

Council, said: "This is a prestigious opportunity to showcase the district.

"We are delighted to be able to host these events to mark the centenary of Rolls's historic flight and to celebrate the many connections between Dover and the iconic Rolls-Royce company."

The event is sure to bring thousands of visitors to the town and will be a welcome boost for local businesses.

The Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, said: "Dover can yet again enjoy the benefits of a free event thanks to its strategic position as the place aviation pioneers chose to exhibit their bravery.

"Our thanks go to everyone who is supporting the event."



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A future for our wild places

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

KENT'S wildlife should be better protected against potentially harmful developments like 'Boris Island', says the RSPB.

The charity believes that conservation should be about more than just nature reserves and should instead be about the entire landscape, putting the environment at the heart of every planning issue.

It has identified the Thames estuary as the first of several planned 'Futurescape' regions, which would involve the RSPB teaming up with other conservation groups, businesses, local authorities and communities to protect animals and plants.

Such a partnership could spell the end for controversial proposals like Boris Island – London mayor Boris Johnson's idea for a floating airport off the coast of Sheppey.

"Wrecking the best places we've got isn't a terribly good place to start," said RSPB spokesman Andre Farrar.

"Proposals like Boris Island would rip the heart out of the Thames estuary. Those behind plans like this are harking back to older ways of thinking that don't deliver for the Thames, and would be hugely damaging to nature that is already in decline.

"It's a habitat that occurs in very few places in the world, so we have a huge responsibility to ensure we put the future of these very special places at the heart of decision-making."

The RSPB owns or manages 40 square kilometres of land for wildlife on the Thames and has spent more than £50 million regenerating sites around the estuary.



WINGED WONDERS: Bar-tailed godwits, above, and avocets are among the regular visitors to the Thames estuary

The Thames is listed as the UK's fifth most important site for waterbirds in the UK.

In 2002 the charity joined other campaigners in defeating the Government's plans for an estuary airport at Cliffe and is working with developers to ensure that the Thames Gateway project benefits wildlife and residents alike.

The RSPB is also campaigning against the Lydd airport expansion programme, fearing that emission of nitrogen from planes will drastically change the local biology.

Mr Farrar said: "This year is the international year of biodiversity, but we now know that the decline in wildlife globally and in the UK is

continuing, so governments have failed to keep a promise they made a decade ago.

"As a nation we need to look hard at how we can improve the situation. We've seen some great successes, like stopping the Cliffe airport, but more needs to be done.

"Futurescapes are about working with local authorities to manage wildlife better and to ensure conservation is not an afterthought."

Other areas identified as possible RSPB Futurescapes include the Wiltshire chalk grasslands, the Humberside Levels, the North Wales Moors and the tidal zone of the Inner Forth.



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Cruise ship ready for maiden voyage

ONE of the finest cruise ships to take to the high seas is calling at Dover this week to prepare for its maiden voyage.

The Saga ship is aimed at the over-50s, and Saga Cruises was recently voted the best UK cruise line by Which? magazine.

Saga Pearl II, departs from Dover for the first time on Friday. The company says the ship will offer 446 passengers an intimate cruise environment and a high crew-to-staff ratio.

The ship's £20 million refit in Swansea saw the creation of balcony cabins, a show lounge, a spa and two swimming pools.

A company spokesman said: "Saga passengers will be able to enjoy one of the best libraries afloat, with 3,400 books, and the elegant Veranda Restaurant offers superb gastronomic feasts.

"Saga Pearl II has the classical ambience that customers enjoy, without casinos, climbing-walls and children's clubs."

Susan Hooper, chief executive of Saga Holidays, said: "The Saga Pearl II is a lovely mid-sized ship offering an intimate atmosphere in a beautiful contemporary design and superb service.

"Each one of her voyages from Dover promises a focus on classic interesting destinations combined with some hidden gems closer to home."

Getting that sinking feeling?

LARGE areas of countryside in east Kent could become submerged due to rising sea levels, according to Kent environmental campaigner Geoff Meaden.

His research shows that sea levels are rising at a yearly rate of almost one centimetre.

Dr Meaden said: "Nearly a third of east Kent is likely to sink below the waves by 2020.

"Given the accelerating rate of sea-level rise within the first half of this century, we will see a desperate struggle to maintain most of the land between Deal and Sandwich."

The issues of flooding in the area have been highlighted by campaigners calling for better drainage in Deal.

Submerged

Earlier this year, Environment Agency teams were called in to reinforce sea defences during a period of severe weather, which saw storm surges on the beaches.

The BBC's Inside Out programme reported in 2008 that the South East could face a coastal crisis in future decades.

If such a scenario did occur, much of Kent could become submerged, while Thanet would become an island cut off from the mainland.

Dr Meaden suggests that sea defences need to be strengthened to reduce the likelihood of flooding.

"Unless very substantial extra funding is spent on wider, deeper and stronger sea defences, then breaching of the defences is much more likely and the potential for flooding is enhanced," he said.

However, the public have become sceptical in recent years over the impact of global warming.

In a survey conducted by Cardiff University, four in ten people believe that experts are uncertain about the extent to which our climate is changing, while the number of sceptics over



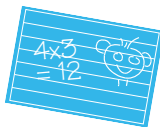
UNDER WATER: Scenes like this could become commonplace in east Kent if Dr Geoff Meaden's predictions are accurate

five years has doubled, while official statistics show that UK greenhouse-gas emissions have been decreasing.

Friends of the Earth executive director Andy Atkins said: "Figures suggest that UK emissions have fallen more in one year than in all

the other years of the Labour government put together. The UK must now strengthen its targets for tackling climate change by pledging to cut its emissions by at least 42 per cent by 2020, based on 1990 levels, and to achieve it without offsetting."

Picture: COBBING-GREENPEACE



BREAK TIME



PREACHER: Bishop visits Castle Community College

New Bishop joins in college's RE lesson

THE new Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, has been out and about in the Deal area discussing ethics with year 11 students at Castle Community College.

Bishop Trevor, who became Bishop of Dover in February, spent the day familiarising himself with the people and places in this part of Kent.

At Castle Community School, the Bishop met head-teacher Christine Chapman and enjoyed a tour of the school before calling into a religious-studies class of year 11 students at which Bishop Trevor spent 20 minutes talking to the young people about the ethics of euthanasia.

Describing the visit to the school, Bishop Trevor said: "The school is doing marvellous work raising standards for young people and it is clear from talking to pupils at this school that they are valued and happy."

"I enjoyed immensely my discussions with the year 11 students and I was impressed by their maturity and their sense of responsibility for society."



PICTURE OF SAFETY: Pupils from ten primary schools visited Pent Valley Technology College, where they trained to become e-safety ambassadors and drew a range of posters



Pupils become ambassadors in being safe on the internet

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

STUDENTS from ten primary schools have gathered at Pent Valley Technology College to train to become e-safety ambassadors and raise awareness about online dangers.

Led by Pent Valley, ICT leaders and Kent e-safety officer Rebecca Avery, the project supports the district's primary schools in helping to understand how best to use the internet.

E-safety is an integral element of safeguarding within schools. Rapid change in technology

that children grow up and use in their everyday lives has led to those as young as nine or ten using social-networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

Many of those have lied about their age to gain access to these websites and sometimes use them unaccompanied.

The session, on Tuesday, April 27, followed a previous event at the end of March held for head-teachers, ICT coordinators and family-liaison officers.

Sophie Porter, Pent Valley's student press officer said: "This course helped to ensure that all the children involved were aware of how to conduct themselves in a safe, sensible and responsible manner in the online environment."

"Children trained on this course are now able to share their knowledge with others, either through school assemblies or as a direct point of contact."

"The whole day culminated in a celebratory photograph around a display board showcasing the children's understanding of e-safety with an exhibition of fantastic posters."

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YOUR LETTERS

Why can't they just leave God out of it?

Like many men of the cloth, the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, appears to be a man of much wisdom and makes good sense until, alas, he inevitably brings God into it (last week's blog). What a pity!

Obviously I, like many others, don't think that God made me, whether unique or otherwise, and the Bishop's assertion to the contrary makes me question the value of his other remarks, however ostensibly sensible they seem.

I have noticed that clerics often tend to bring God and religion into everything. I wish they wouldn't.

Ian Macmillan
Ash

Put your faith in The Bible, not politicians

Is it any wonder at the great falling away from Christianity when bishops like Bishop Willmott put their faith in politicians, the UN and other failed organisations of mankind, rather than Jesus Christ! If he bothered to read his Bible, rather than subscribe to his church's fairy-stories and the belief the world is doomed to suffer into perpetuity, he would know all that we see has already been prophesied.

Indeed, in Matthew 24, where Christ's disciples asked for the signs of his return, Christ provides a very comprehensive list of conditions as they are today!

If Bishop Willmott wants to continue claiming he's doing Christ's work, then he should be looking to Christ as his saviour and following his teachings, not looking to the world's corrupt and failed political systems and their teachings.

Phil Granger
by email

There's no one to vote for in the Big Society

I'm with Tim Garbutt, who says in KOS Media blog that it's our duty not to vote. I'm definitely not with the Bishop.

One big regret that could have helped millions of us – why did all of us not get solar power (hot water for every household) as a Millennium gift and celebration?

Why don't the polluters pay, why do the greatest benefit cheats in Government circles cite immunity from prosecution?

Why are databases and intrusion into our private lives being rolled out?

Feels like collective punishment is going to get worse in England, no matter who gets 'elected'.

Phoney Blair's heir, Dave Cameron, reminds me of a snake-oil salesman.

The damage done to my local

your blogger

Gary Wright says MPs would rather have a hung Parliament than let us decide their fate again soon



THE forecasters got it wrong, but the exit poll was spot on in predicting that the undecideds didn't have the bottle to vote LibDem and most of the 'newly-engaged' first-time voters couldn't actually be bothered to vote at all.

As I write, the LibDem Party is in its fourth day of negotiations with the Tories to form a majority government. Despite their inherent differences, it seems likely the two will find a way to work together.

David Cameron's Tories can taste power and will do whatever they need to secure Nick Clegg's support.

And by representing more than 60 per cent of the electorate, it's not a bad thing. Probably.

Electoral reform actually seems quite a good idea, although you could argue no one actually voted for it. When the election was announced, I celebrated the fact that for four weeks our voices would be heard.

As I said then, French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau summed up our system 250 years ago when he wrote the English are mistaken in thinking they are free: 'It is free only during the election of Members of Parliament; as soon as the members are elected, the people is enslaved.'

Now we are sidelined, though I rather admired the 1,000 or so protestors for PR who turned up outside LibDem HQ on Saturday. It's too late, though. MPs are elected – now they'll do as they like.

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area by socially divisive, culturally destructive, sanctimonious and smug Tories (no better than their New Labour counterparts) is distressing.

As a veteran US investor has just said, the euro is unlikely to survive long-term.

Despite the claptrap we were fed to get us into the EU, thankfully we have not been entirely sucked into the euro-mess.

I am thankful to Ian Taylor, of NO2ID. His views are spot on – sham democracy through more crazy policies like the Big Society is not required.

As floating voters and non-voters have declared, we need to get rid of the rotten system and the rotters running it. Otherwise, what are we voting for? More of the same, from what I can read between the platitudes and false assurances.

We need protection, stability and full employment, but no party will curb, restrain or hard-prune the overgrowth and financial damage of rampant bureaucracy.

The poor are forced to pay for the rich in England's thieftoms.

Who is there to redress the balance and give us a chance? Not those who take bonuses for turning up on time and meeting antisocial, inhumane and senseless targets and socially-useless policies.

The Big Society is already alive and kicking – Cameron will tweak it but wants to shift responsibility rather than cure the disease.

Rita Grootendorst
by email

The English are an endangered race

Very soon this country will not be ours. The politicians are giving everything away to the EU and are destroying our national identity by mass immigration.

Our industries – cars, steel, coal, ship-building, fishing, textiles, aviation...

Everything that provided millions of jobs and apprenticeships has been decimated or shipped abroad and thrown many on the scrapheap – yet thousands of immigrants are pouring into this country every week. Why? Where are the jobs for your children, let alone your grandchildren, coming from as they compete against cheap labour and our industries sold abroad?

It isn't extreme to give our country and industries away, only extreme when the British National Party opposes it.

A vote for the Liberal Democrats, Labour or the Conservatives was a vote for the real extremists – they are traitors to this country.

Our utilities and big-name firms have been sold off to foreign companies and now more than half of Britain is owned by overseas investors.

When are you going to wake up and realise that the old gang have been giving away all that Britain has fought and died for? When there's nothing left?

In 1992, Jack Straw said: "The

English as a race are not worth saving."

If people don't wake up very soon, I will begin to believe him.

Harry Williams (BNP electoral candidate)
Hythe

Bullied motorists are fighting back

Read any central government literature on transport and the whole emphasis is on getting people out of their cars and on to public transport.

To achieve this aim, the Government has let the road system fall into decay, parking is made ever-more difficult and the constant downgrading of speed limits and enforcement is essential.

So if drivers look for 'loopholes' in the way speed limits are enforced, can the camera partnerships really complain?

Everybody knows the whole thing is a farce, from those that pass the laws in Parliament to those that enforce it and to those that pass sentence on you in a court of law.

They are just a bunch of hypocrites as they drive at the same speed as everybody else.

Good, safe and courteous driving practice is what we should be focusing on, but that requires some form of skill to enforce, whereas speed-limit enforcement can be done by any halfwit.

For example, we have the Speedwatch vigilantes scribbling

down registration numbers.

Various highway authorities have a legal duty to maintain speed-limit signs, which they have failed to do, therefore many speed limits are being knowingly enforced illegally.

Go on the internet and there are hundreds of cases where camera partnerships have known full well that they are acting illegally but have only 'owned up' when somebody has taken them to court.

Only last year new legislation was brought in that even if drivers won their case, they would no longer be entitled to recover all their costs.

With the threat of horrendous court costs, it is no wonder that people are being bullied into paying up. So why not fight back where you can?

Only a couple of years ago in Kent, it was reported that a member of the police was suspended over a "procedural" matter and more than 120 speeding cases were dropped.

Is this information freely available (or any similar errors) on the police or camera-partnerships websites so we can all see this was investigated openly and all those wrongly convicted had their convictions quashed?

Is it any wonder that people have lost faith in Government and its institutions when all we see is deceit, cover-ups and state bullying.

Terry Hudson
Herne Bay

Alan puts the kettle on for Blue Cross

I am writing to invite animal-loving readers to take part in a national tea-party fund-raiser this spring and summer in aid of The Blue Cross pet charity.

The Blue Cross Tea Party combines the best of British – our love of tea and pets.

To take part, all you need to do is hold a tea-party with friends, family or anyone you like and ask your guests to make a donation in return for tea and delicious edibles.

Your party can be as lavish or as modest as you like and if, like me, you're partial to a spot of gardening, what better way to show off those blooms than with a garden party!

Every penny you raise will go towards the tireless work carried out at Blue Cross veterinary hospitals and animal-adoption centres across the country.

As someone who has always had a variety of pets, I know what love and company they can bring, and I'm proud to be supporting an organisation that helps to keep pets and people together.

So go on, pop the kettle on, have a brew and help a wonderful charity save the lives of animals in need.

To register for a free event-pack and to find out more, please visit www.bluecrossteaparty.org.uk – or alternatively you can phone 08444 993 663.

Alan Titchmarsh MBE
The Blue Cross

TOO FULL?
Rochester
Prison is
one of
many in
the county



Overcrowded jails 'in crisis'

A PENAL-reform charity has criticised the justice system after figures revealed that prisons are overcrowded by more than 100 per cent.

HMP Canterbury, which contains only foreign prisoners, was listed at number nine in the top 20 most overpopulated prisons in England and Wales.

The report, by the Howard League For Penal Reform, showed the jail was certified for use for 195 prisoners but the population in March 2010 was 303.

Frances Crook, director of the charity, called it a "crisis", adding: "Overcrowding results in fewer resources being available for each prisoner."

"Consequently, prison services focus on maintenance of basic amenities more than reintegration and security, more than purposeful activity and rehabilitation."

A total of 80 prisons out of the 139 in England and Wales are overpopulated, with some 19,000 inmates sharing cells designed for just one person. On average, prisons are overcrowded by 111 per cent.

A spokesman from the prison service said the Ministry of Justice was unable to comment on HMP Canterbury.

He said: "Since April, 2007, over 7,500 places have been delivered under the capacity programme."

Girls just want to raise funds

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE voices of 100 Kent women and a host of celebrities have hit the airwaves in a bid to top the charts and raise money for cancer research.

Music moguls hope their remake of 1980s classic Girls Just Want to Have Fun will reach number one as millions of women take to the streets in this year's 5km Race For Life, which is being held at towns across the UK over the next three months.

As the country's largest female-only event, the campaign, led by Cancer Research UK, has raised more than £300 million since it first launched in 1994. And this year, as well as gearing up for Kent's six Race For Life events, 100 women lent their voices for the new charity single, released earlier this month.

Some of those involved in the recording, which took place at Bluewater in February, have had their own struggles with cancer.

They feature alongside 20 celebrities, including actress Caroline Quentin, glamour model Danielle Lloyd, TV presenter Zoe Salmon and actress and singer Kym Marsh.

DJ Sonique – famous for her number-one hit It Feels So Good – also took part, stepping back into the limelight following her own battle with



GIRLS ALOUD: Singing for charity during the recording session at Bluewater are Carol Decker from 80s band T'Pau, Su-Elise Nash from former girlband Mis-Teeq and Lisa Scott-Lee, former Steps member; right is Caroline Quentin

breast cancer. The singer has just finished six weeks of radiotherapy after three operations to remove a cancerous lump.

The 41-year-old said: "Knowing the single features women who, like me, have been directly affected by cancer, as well as hundreds of women from across the UK, makes me feel extremely proud."

"Recording the single was so much fun and meeting other women who wanted to do their bit to help the cause was really inspirational."

"I hope this inspires people to buy the track



and inspires every woman, whether they want to walk, jog or run, to sign up for Race For Life this year too."

Race For Life is now in its 17th year, with more than 700,000 people taking part last year and £60m raised for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

To sign up for an event in your area or for more information about the single, priced at 79 pence for download, go to www.raceforlife.org.

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DAY & NIGHT

City hosts climate fair

FIND out how our planet is changing at Canterbury Climate Fair this weekend.

Stalls, entertainers and Fairtrade and organic stalls can be found along The Parade and St George's Street. The event, organised by Greenpeace, runs from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. For details visit [find www.canterburyclimatefair.org](http://www.canterburyclimatefair.org).

Relax to choral music

ENJOY an evening of sacred choral music when Cantate Chamber Choir performs in Broadstairs on Sunday.

The choir will sing works by Bruckner, Stanford and John Rutter at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Broadstairs Road at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6. For details of Cantate visit www.cantate-thanet.co.uk.

Trio to play the classics

SARAH Thorne spring classical concerts continue with a performance on piano, violin and cello.

Peter Hewitt, Peter Fisher and Peter Adams will play classics by Haydn, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs at 3pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £8/£5. Call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk. Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

Biggins is belle of ball

CHRISTOPHER Biggins will be the special guest auctioneer at Demelza House's May Ball on Saturday.

Held at Eastwell Manor near Ashford, the event will raise funds for the Kent children's hospice. Tickets, at £100, include Champagne and a three-course dinner. Call Sarah on 01795 845204, email sarah.taylor@demelza.org.uk or visit www.demelza.org.uk.

Boogie party with Pete

CHILDREN are invited to a party with TV favourite Boogie Pete on Sunday.

Pete Hillier, from the BAFTA-winning TV series Boogie Beebies, hosts Partytime, for children aged two and above. The show is at Quarterhouse, Folkestone at 2.30pm and tickets cost £8 or £28 for families. Call 01303 858500 or visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk.

Classic cars and beer

HUNDREDS of vehicles will be on display this weekend at the Faversham Classic Car and Motorcycle Show.

The show is in the town centre on Sunday and information can be found online at www.faversham.org.uk. Visitors can also take a tour of Shepherd Neame brewery. To book visit www.shepherdneame.co.uk or call 01795 542016.

Don't miss Swan Lake

VIENNA Festival Ballet returns to Margate on Sunday with Swan Lake.

Danced to Tchaikovsky's unforgettable music, Swan Lake can be seen at the Winter Gardens at 5pm. Tickets cost £17/£15 for adults, £8 for children and £7.50 for dance schools. To book call 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.



A night out with Jools and friends

JOOLS HOLLAND

Saturday, June 12, Winter Gardens, Margate.



GET ready to boogie on down to Thanet next month when the inimitable Jools Holland pays a visit.

With his famous Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, Holland's live shows have become must-see events for fans of toe-tapping, hip-swinging music.

In recent years, Holland has performed to four million people and his concerts have become an annual event for many people, who cannot get enough of the band's excellent musicianship. A party atmosphere pervades at all their shows and June's concert is sure to get the summer off to a swinging start.

Some very special guests join Holland for the concert at the Winter Gardens, including singer Alison Moyet. With her distinctive, soul-infused voice, Moyet became a big star in the 80s as one half of Yazoo and went on to enjoy considerable solo success. The other guest vocalists will be Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall, and former Squeeze drummer Gilson Lavis will also be performing.

Born in south east London in 1958, Holland soon revealed himself to be a prodigious musical talent and by the time he was eight, he

could play the piano fluently by ear. During his early teens he began his performing career in London pubs, although his first steps to success came when he formed Squeeze at the age of just 15.

Along with Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford, he achieved extraordinary success, and hits such as Up The Junction and Cool For Cats still enjoy radio airplay today. Squeeze became popular in America and the band performed at the iconic Madison Square Garden.

During his days with Squeeze, Holland formed a lasting professional relationship with drummer Gilson Lavis, with whom he is still working today.

The pair became the first members of the Jools Holland Big Band, formed in 1987, which eventually became the 20-piece Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. Now a staple part of many fans' annual music calendar, the orchestra is always in demand and the highlight of many a festival.

Alongside his career as a musician, Holland has also become a TV presenter and broadcaster. He made his first foray into presenting when he interviewed The Police for a documentary in the early 80s and then auditioned for The Tube, a youth culture show which soon became cult viewing.

With his co-presenter Paula Yates, Holland helped to highlight countless new musicians

and comedians. His role as champion of new and diverse music continues today with his popular BBC series Later...With Jools Holland, on which established and more obscure artists have the chance to shine. The programme's Hootenanny is now a regular part of New Year's Eve celebrations, as unmissable as his live performances.

His highlights as an interviewer include a rare meeting with jazz legend Miles Davis in 1986 and Holland bears the unique honour of having performed with musicians who have achieved success in every decade of the 20th century.

Holland has also contributed to the film industry, with appearances in Spice World and Me & Orson Welles, and collaborated with Eddi Reader on tracks for the latter film. As a presenter he has fronted documentaries on American music and interviewed some of his own heroes, such as Fats Domino, Dr John and Lee Dorsey.

For his multimillion-selling series of recordings Jools and Friends, Holland has worked with a diverse array of artists from Sting, George Harrison and Eric Clapton to Sugababes, KT Tunstall and Norah Jones.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £32.50. To book visit the website at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk or call the box office on 01843 292795/296111.



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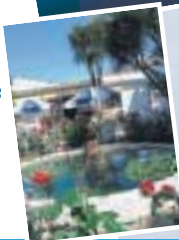
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Renowned as one of Britain's leading young string quartets, the Sacconi Quartet presents the festival in association with the Creative Foundation.

Not only do they provide a series of concerts, the Quartet also takes part in outreach activities such as school workshops, family concerts and projects in prisons, refugee centres and care homes.

With the theme Tales of Bohemia, this year's festival fea-



tures works by Czech composers such as Janacek, Smetana, Suk and Dvorak. Their special guests include pianist Alisdair Beatson, violinist Jiri Zigmund and the Badke Quartet.

One highlight will be a performance of Janacek's second quartet, Intimate Letters, with a new literary overture by playwright Justin Pearson. Based on Janacek's love letters to his muse, Kamila Stösslová, the overture will be performed by actor Timothy West.

For full programme details visit www.sacconi.com/festival or call the Quarterhouse box office on 01303 858500.



FALCONRY DISPLAYS

Every Sunday, Doddington Place Gardens, Doddington

VISITORS now have even more to enjoy at Doddington Place Gardens since the arrival of some special new residents.

Birds of prey can now be seen in the skies above the property, since a group of the stunning creatures moved to Doddington from Leeds Castle. The birds are owned and managed by The Hawking Centre and the new arrivals will offer even more interest for visitors.

Every Sunday at 3pm, visitors can enjoy a falconry demonstration and learn more about these fascinating creatures, as well as witnessing them in graceful

flight. Doddington Place resident Amicia Oldfield spoke of her delight at seeing the birds of prey as they dive and swoop.

"The birds seem to be very well-trained," she said. "The tea room is just next to the place where they do the display, but I'm glad to say we haven't had any buzzards swooping down upon the chocolate cake."

Doddington Place Gardens are open from 2-5pm, every Sunday and bank holiday Monday until the end of September. Adult tickets cost £5.

Find out more at www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk.

1940S WEEKEND

Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16
Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden

ALL aboard for a journey into the past as Kent and East Sussex Railways holds its annual 1940s event this weekend.

Discover what life was like in wartime Kent as passengers are shown how the railway's stations might have looked more than 60 years ago. With authentic 40s features such as sand bags and taped windows, the stations will be peopled by spivs, policemen and other wartime characters. Military and civilian vehicles will be on display and the Fire Service Preservation Society will demonstrate how the service dealt with blazes during World War Two.

Entertainment includes performances by 40s singer Fiona Harrison and toe-tapping dance demonstrations by the Cinque Port Lindy Hoppers, who will be grooving away in period costume on both days. There will be displays by the Lashenden Air Museum and the Hawker Hurricane Society, along with stalls showing custom-made 40s and 50s clothing and Cinque Ports Militaria.

For more information about the 1940s event, timetables and ticket prices, call 01580 765155 or visit the website at www.kesr.org.uk.



MARK WATSON

Friday, June 4, Brake Hall, Ashford School,



ONE of the country's fastest rising comedians will be paying a visit to Ashford ahead of his nationwide tour this autumn.

Mark Watson is one of the most likeable characters on the comedy scene and his career is continuing to go from strength to strength. His appearances on television shows like Mock the Week and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow have spread his appeal even wider than the stand-up circuit, along with his adverts for Magners Pear Cider.

Watson began his comedy career in 2002 and immediately made a big impression, winning that year's Daily Telegraph Open Mic Competition. He went on to stage hugely successful shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, with his third visit resulting in sold-out performances every night of the run. As his profile rises, Watson has appeared at bigger and bigger events, such as hosting the NME Awards and appearing at the O2 Arena as part of Channel 4's Comedy Gala for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Tickets cost £12.50 and can be booked by calling 0871 220 0260 or visiting www.seetickets.com.



JANETTE GERI

Sunday, May 16, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



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Fans love her for the warmth she brings to her performances, along with her wicked sense of humour that gives concerts an added spark. Teamed with her mastery of the acoustic guitar, Geri possesses soaring vocals that captivate audiences and can evoke a wide variety of moods.

Showing a genius flair for interpretation, Geri is a very capable solo performer who is sure to give an unforgettable performance for her fans in Thanet.

With two new albums to showcase, Geri shows her versatility by performing both the old and new.

Telling Tales is a collection of traditional Celtic songs, reworked with Geri's contemporary touch, while The Bastard's Daughter features new original songs that take the listener on an intimate journey, exploring the path that leads us from loss to liberation. Both albums have attracted acclaim for the quality of her arrangements, vocals and musical textures.

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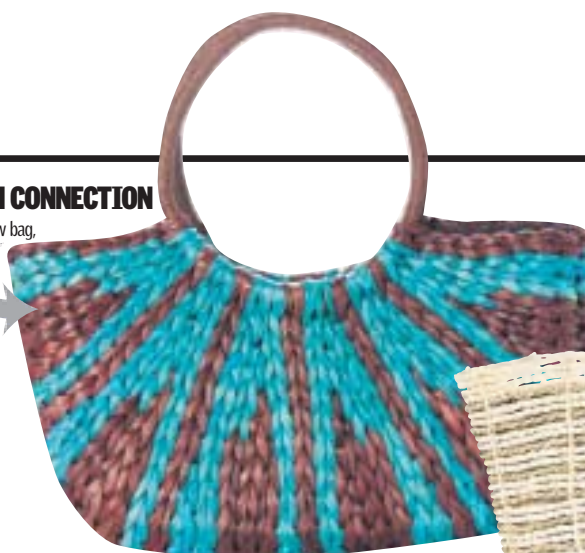
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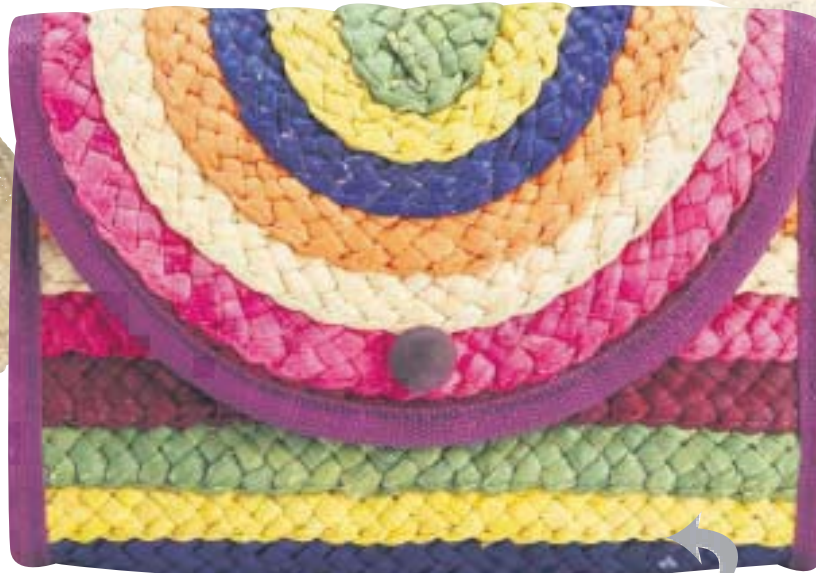


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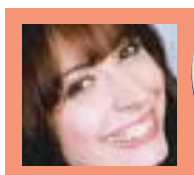
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GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, walking, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983



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HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST GIFT... Shy female, 40, 5ft8, blue eyes, short blonde hair, medium build, loves going out, wine and dining, holidays; seeking likewise gentleman to be happy with. Box 446763

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 33yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells. I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

MANY INTERESTS Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

IT COULD BE US Professional, single woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 798931

BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out etc and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft8, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

GET CLOSE Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

GENIE IN A BOTTLE Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, attractive lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

NORMAL GAL Happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 at must. Maidstone. Box 866380

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single lady, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

DON'T PASS ME BY Petite brunette, 51, 5ft, likes live music, pubs and socialising, gsoh, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

WRITTEN IN THE STARS Late 40's woman, slim, quite active, attractive, enjoy walks, picnics, the countryside, TV dramas, seeking a Pisces or Scorpio or Cancer male. Brighton. Box 468610

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoys socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

QUALITY TIME 55 year old lady, 5ft8in, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

MUST LOVE ANIMALS Light-hearted lady, 57, light hair, blue eyes, 5ft3, enjoys baking, gardening and DIY, seeks romantic non-smoker for romance. Rochester. Box 468691

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448595

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

HOMELY LADY Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then we'll see. Folkestone. Box 469693

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

OUTGOING LADY Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. W/LTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269

START A NEW CHAPTER 64 year old widow, 5ft6, slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

YOUNG LOOKING Sixty something, bubbly, outgoing, intelligent lady, looking for genuine friendship with like-minded male, love walks, talks, cinema, theatre or simply just a chat. Maidstone. Box 799895

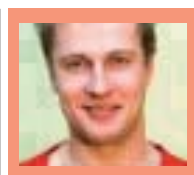
A TOUCH OF CLASS Professional woman, 73, smart and fun to be with, medium build, seeks an articulate, smart, independent man of class to share quality time. Kent. Box 468560

Women seeking women

MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

LOVE TO LOVE Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes wine, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking like-similar female for companionship and more. Box 446953

TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester Box 466078



MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! Likes going/leaving out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

FULL OF LIFE Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs, eating out etc. Box 467416

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME? Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

HOP ON BOARD! Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and ring my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR and a reliable and football. Like together, with the right woman. Box 858113

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 456889

DO I ATTRACT YOU? Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE! Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer/looking for loving companion. Box 450317

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

COME ON OVER Professional personal trainer, 42, 5ft10, green eyes, brown hair, athletic, seeking a female, 25-45, for fun times and friendship. Chatham. Box 468675

FUN & OUTGOING! Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR? Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451581

GSOH ESSENTIAL American male, 44, loves playing the guitar, looking for a decent female with a sense of fun about them. Brighton Box 461140

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5ft11, slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E Sussex. Box 468369

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396

MAKE A MOVE Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music, seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

MUSIC LOVER Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

EASY TO LOVE Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 468082

MEET YOUR MATCH! Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, day and cooking. Dover. Box 462630

NEEDING LOVE 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463623

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

LOVE SHOULD BE EASY Laid-back single guy, 48, from Hythe, 6ft, slightly overweight/trying to lose it, seeking a fun to be around female to takes things slow with. Box 468498

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 49, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 468338

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL Ashford man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231

DANCING THROUGH LIFE Active and easy-going male, mid 50's, always tries to see the funny side of life, looking for a like-minded independent female. Box 464771

HAND IN HAND Easygoing man, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Box 861243

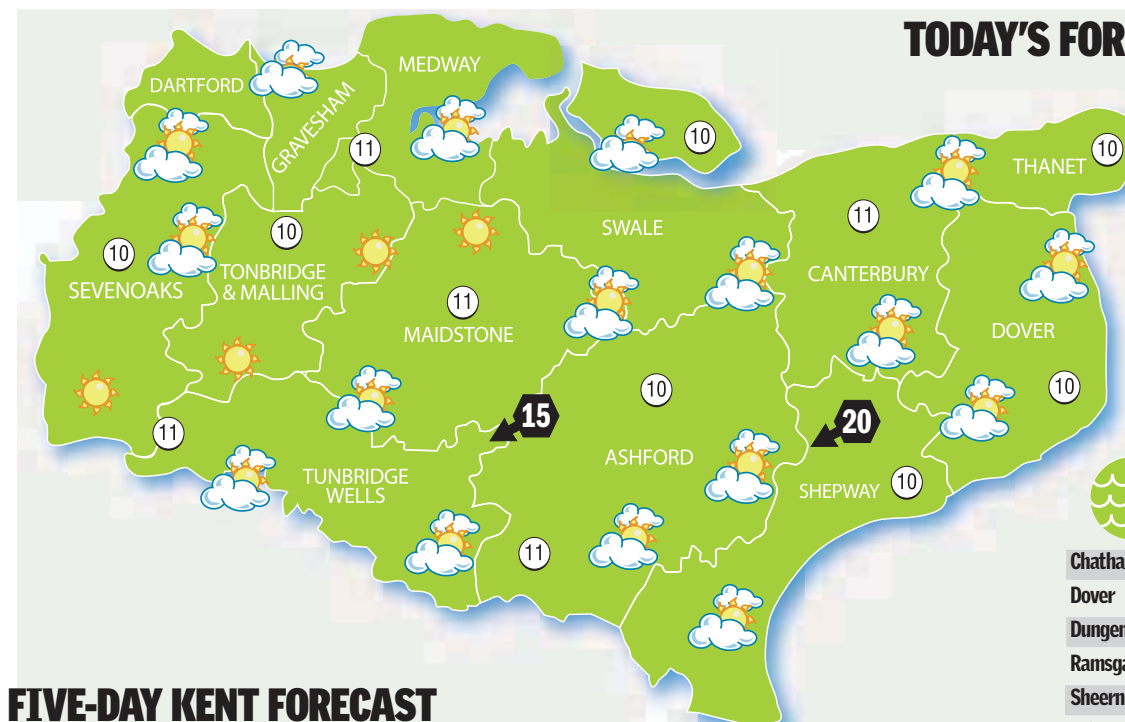
AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 59, dark hair, 5ft, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curvy, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

TAKE A CHANCE Kent gent, 57, like music, socialising, cinema, fishing and holidays abroad, looking for a wonderful lady, 50-60, for friendship and romance. Cranbrook. Box 468651

ONWARDS & UPWARDS Early 50s widower, very honest and genuine, loves rock music, violin player, great cook, school worker, just hoping to meet someone. Langley. Box 468690

GET TOGETHER Divorced male, 59, 5ft8in, slim with grey hair, likes gardening, fishing, cycling, walks, cooking, going out, travel, seeks a fun and similar woman. Aylesford. Box 468615

HELLO THERE! Sociable lad, 59, from Ashford, enjoy motor racing, films and watching television, looking for a lady to share the good things in life with. Box 465607



TODAY'S FORECAST






AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	9°C	Madrid	15°C
Athens	24°C	New York	11°C
Barcelona	19°C	Paris	14°C
Beijing	23°C	Rome	21°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	23°C
Cape Town	17°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	13°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	17°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	17°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	17°C

KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	2:28pm 6.0m	Sunday	3:06pm 5.9m
Dover	Saturday	12:33pm 6.4m	Sunday	1:16pm 6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:42pm 7.5m	Sunday	1:19pm 7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:03pm 4.9m	Sunday	1:46pm 4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:18pm 5.7m	Sunday	2:56pm 5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:14pm 5.1m	Sunday	2:54pm 5.1m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon											Whitstable					Saturday	2:14pm 5.1m		Sunday	2:54pm 5.1m			
Ashford	11°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	Dover	9°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	14°C	Gravesend	12°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	14°C		SUNRISE	508am	SUNSET	8.37pm
Canterbury	10°C	11°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	Faversham	10°C	11°C	12°C	13°C	15°C	Maidstone	12°C	12°C	13°C	14°C	16°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	11°C	12°C	13°C	15°C					
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Dartford	12°C	12°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	Gillingham	10°C	11°C	12°C	13°C	15°C	Rochester	10°C	11°C	12°C	13°C	15°C	Tun Wells	11°C	12°C	14°C	14°C	16°C					



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DWAYNE Johnson is the Tooth Fairy, also known as Derek Thompson, a hard-charging hockey player whose nickname comes from his habit of separating opposing players from their bicuspid.

When Derek discourages a youngster's dreams, he's sentenced to one week's hard labour as a real tooth fairy, complete with the requisite wings and magic wand. At first, Derek "can't handle the tooth" – bumbling and stumbling as he tries to furtively wing his way through strangers' homes... doing what tooth fairies do. But as Derek slowly adapts to his new position, he begins to rediscover his own forgotten dreams.

One of today's most popular actors, Dwayne Johnson's juxtaposition of sharp comedic timing and impressive physicality has delighted audiences in pictures like *The Game Plan*, *Get Smart* and *Race to Witch Mountain*. His latest effort, *Tooth Fairy*, brings together several elements he thought would be fun to explore. "It's a story with universal appeal," says Johnson. "It's a fish-out-of-water tale about believing in the impossible and the magic. It's for families and everyone."

"The Tooth Fairy is part of our culture and part of the wonderment of being a child. It's a character that's never been explored, to this extent, in the movies."

To most of the world, the Tooth Fairy is a magical figure. Like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy is both an inspiring and comforting character who teaches children to use their imaginations – and to dream. And while there are no definitive renderings, most of us envision the Tooth Fairy as a gentle sprite

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who magically appears during a child's slumbers to take his or her newly-displaced tooth from under the pillow and replace it with money.

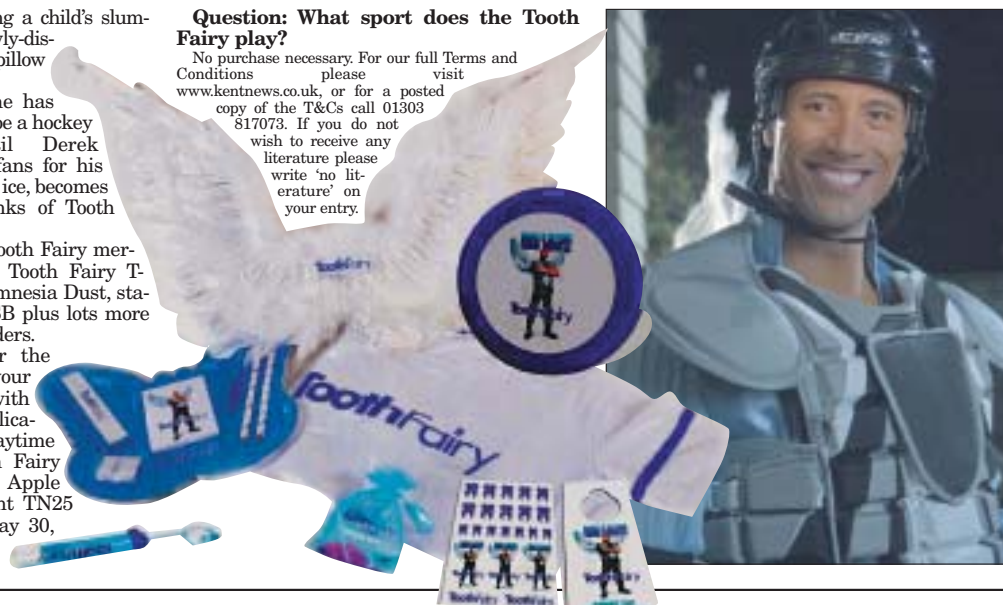
It's a safe bet that no one has imagined the Tooth Fairy to be a hockey player/enforcer – until Derek Thompson, beloved by his fans for his hyper-aggressive play on the ice, becomes the newest addition to ranks of Tooth Fairydom.

Yourlocal has ten sets of Tooth Fairy merchandise, which includes a Tooth Fairy T-shirt, Frisbee, toothbrush, Amnesia Dust, stationery set, tooth-shaped USB plus lots more to giveaway to ten lucky readers.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Tooth Fairy Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is May 30, 2010.

Question: What sport does the Tooth Fairy play?

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Lounge favourites to headline folk stage



SWINGING TRIO: Kitty, Daisy and Lewis will headline the the LOTF folk stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SWING siblings Kitty, Daisy and Lewis have been unveiled as Lounge on the Farm's folk stage headliners.

The London-based trio were hand-picked to top the Farm Folk tent by curators from the celebrated Flowerpot venue in Camden.

Also on the bill are Johnny Flynn, Peggy Sue, Beans on Toast, Lu Lu & The Lampshades and Medicine Show.

A Lounge spokesman said: "Camden's celebrated Flowerpot venue will be transporting their widespread reputation for showcasing quality music from their famous London haven to Merton Farm on Saturday 10th July to host the Farm Folk stage.

"With headliners and firm LOTF favourites Kitty, Daisy and Lewis already announced, the Flowerpot line-up will also include violin-fuelled goodness from Johnny Flynn, who will be celebrating the release of his forthcoming Been Listening album, much admired Wichita Recordings signed Brighton folksters Peggy Sue, country-rock sextet the Barker Band, pop-flavoured vaudeville from Alan Pownall and pure and primal rabble rousing from The Agitator."

Among the Lounge headliners are Motown greats Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, ska legends Toots & The Maytals, The Crazy World of Arthur Brown, DJ Yoda and Courtney Pine.

Lounge promoters are promising their fifth year will be the biggest and best yet.

The spokesman added: "With increased capacity, this year's Lounge On The Farm looks set to be the finest yet.

"We have a medley of musical pleasures – from local heroes and the next big things to the truly legendary – spread across seven stages, plus incredible comedy, theatre, burlesque and vaudeville treats, the kids' Little Lounge area and some of the most refined, locally sourced, rustic

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- 4 Flipswitch – Position Politician (from Whitstable)
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SEASIDE SPECTACULAR: Views from the Bournemouth Eye are stunning. Poole home to Sunseeker, builders of multi-millionaires' yachts

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Take a fresh look at top UK holiday destination

■ BY GARY WRIGHT

RECESSION and an Icelandic volcano have given a massive boost to the UK's tourism industry as Brits rediscover the brilliance of their homeland.

Bournemouth could not have picked a better time to emerge as one of the UK's top holiday resorts.

A long weekend seemed an ideal opportunity to find out why a resort once seen as quaint has not so much reinvented itself, as simply moved with the times in a way any number of British seaside towns have failed.

It is a leading destination for water sports fans – including surfing, water-skiing, diving and jetskiing – as well as having almost 10 miles of sandy beaches.

Boscombe to the east has Europe's first artificial surf reef (and beach 'pods' designed by Wayne Hemingway) and to the west Poole sits on the largest natural harbour in Europe – that means sheltered water and a fascinating history.

Bournemouth town centre and sea front on a late April weekend bustled with shoppers, families and students as bands played in the Lower Gardens – the place had a real buzz.

Eating out is a magnificent adventure with 400 restaurants and bars on offer, and I think we got lucky.

The Print Room, right opposite my hotel in the town centre, held a special interest for me situated as it is in the room where the press had lived for the town's evening paper.

Three years ago it was transformed into a 1930s-style eatery, with wooden seating booths complete with a mirror-backed bar, Swarovski chandeliers and a black-and-white chequered floor.

The food was excellent and, as one critic said, it is one of the south coast's best kept secrets.

The following day we enjoyed lunchtime cocktails and a superb Thai-style meal in the Aruba, situated unexpectedly through a doorway at the front of Bournemouth pier.

Climb a few stairs and you will be

KEY FACTS: BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE

Beaches	10 Miles, sandy
Watersports	Surfing, skiing... everything
Eating Out	400 restaurants and bars
Hotels	200, all prices, plus 200 B&Bs
Nightlife	Dozens of clubs



- Gary Wright was a guest of www.coastwiththemoost.com.
- He stayed two nights at the Norfolk Royale Hotel in Bournemouth which costs around £289 for two including breakfast. www.norfolk-royale-hotel.com
- Use the distinctive yellow taxis to get around and night buses run between Bournemouth and Poole.
- The excellent Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum is free entry. Recommended
- For a relaxed break, take a cruise from anywhere along the coast. www.dorsetcruises.co.uk
- In Bournemouth's Lower Gardens, the tethered hot air balloon offers spectacular views from 500ft. Choose a clear day and it's £12 for adults.

surprised by the airy space offering seaviews, packed with diners.

Do take a few minutes to find it, most locals know it, a lot of visitors miss it. Recommended.

And that evening we had been directed to the newly reopened Ventana Brasserie, part of the stunning Art Deco-styled Cumberland Hotel, a short taxi ride from Bournemouth centre.

The food was ambitious but good (and very reasonably priced), the staff were courteous and the gorgeous décor was in keeping with the building. You could almost have been in a 1930s Hollywood musical set. But the plasma TV with Sky sports news ruined the effect, even with the sound turned down.

Now don't think this weekend was one long food festival. Oh no, we managed to pop into the Oceanarium (near the pier), and saw turtles, sharks and a lot of fish.

I loved it, kids will love it and its one to keep up your sleeve if the weather turns nasty.

We also found time for a trip on the Bournemouth Eye, a huge tethered helium balloon soaring to 500ft out of the Lower Gardens.

Views were spectacular, one of the signs I'm sure claimed 60 miles, but the sea mist curbed that a little.

By Sunday lunchtime we'd moved on to Poole. A different proposition from Bournemouth yet closely related. The old town really is, well, old with a sprinkling of little shops, yet still has the feel of a working harbour.

Then it was time to eat again: Sunday lunch at the Custom House, overlooking the quay and the world-famous Sunseeker boatyard (I use the term in the way one might call Wembley simply a football ground) which added glamour.

So replete, again (splendid three-course Sunday lunch) we wander around the Poole Pottery then relaxed with a quiet drink on the harbour front and reflected this part of Britain offers so much... and it's only a couple of hours drive from Kent.



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Iron Man 2 is not such a Marvel

■ BY DAMON SMITH

DIRECTOR Jon Favreau's first encounter with the Marvel Comics superhero was one of the most exhilarating diversions of the 2008 summer blockbuster season.

The film's heady conflation of dazzling special effects, playful performances and sizzling screen chemistry between Robert Downey Jr and Gwyneth Paltrow jet-propelled the film to gargantuan box office takings in excess of half a billion dollars.

Money talks loudly in Hollywood and so, inevitably, Favreau and most of his cast return for the sequel.

The weight of expectation on Iron Man 2 would test even the strength of the eponymous hero's red and gold armour and regrettably, the turbo-charged sequel misfires.

Screenwriter Justin Theroux struggles to integrate the new characters and to strike the same rumbustious tone as the first film.

However, he does incorporate several scenes of Nick Fury (Samuel L Jackson) which lay the groundwork for the forthcoming film of The Avengers featuring Iron Man, Captain America and The Incredible Hulk.

A brief sequence after the end credits continues to whet the appetite of ardent fans of the comics.

Billionaire industrialist Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr) announces to the world that he is Iron Man and buoys his over-inflated ego with the adulation of the masses.

He single-handedly maintains world peace to the chagrin of the US government and private investors, who are keen to acquire his technology for their own needs.

Stark refuses to share his invention, causing a furore at a Senate Armed Services Committee run by Senator Stern (Garry Shandling). Soon after, Russian physicist Ivan Vanko (Mickey Rourke), whose father helped pioneer the Iron Man technology, creates a crude replica of the electromagnetic device in the industrialist's chest and transforms himself into the villainous Whiplash.

His attack on Stark during a grand prix compels the military to take action, seizing one of the suits.

Stark races to avert disaster aided by good friend 'Rhodey' (Don Cheadle), new secretary



SEQUEL: Scarlett Johansson, left, joins the cast of Iron Man 2, in which Robert Downey Jr plays the red and gold, arrogant but entertaining hero

There are a couple of cute one-liners – "Don't be mad. I'm fending off a Hammer-oid attack!" – but these are few and far between.

The rapport with Paltrow's sassy love interest energises several scenes and Rourke's tattooed villain is quietly compelling, destroying the myth of Iron Man because as he tells Stark, "If you can make God bleed then people will cease to believe."

Action scenes are slickly orchestrated but don't get the blood pumping and the final showdown is a huge anti-climax.

Like its egotistical central protagonist, the sequel feels tired.

Natalie Rushman (Scarlett Johansson) and chauffeur Happy Hogan (Jon Favreau).

Meanwhile, rival arms industrialist Justin Hammer (Sam Rockwell) concocts a plan to destroy Stark Industries, which is now under

the control of new CEO, Virginia 'Pepper' Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow).

Iron Man 2 is weighed down by the anguish of Downey Jr's inventor, who is being poisoned to death by the technology that keeps him alive.

IRON MAN 2 
Certificate 12A

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ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: BBC's police drama Luther fails to bring anything new



YOUR TV REVIEW LUTHER: BBC One, 9pm, Tuesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IDRIS Elba was in The Wire, which, in case you haven't heard is a legendary American cop show, that had critics frothing at the mouth with superlatives to describe its quality.

The imposing actor played the brooding, cerebral drug-dealer Stringer Bell and was one of the best TV characters of all time – no small praise there.

I never knew he was British until recently, which is a testament to just how well he carried off the role.

Not once did you hear him break into any accent other than that of Bell and he was utterly convincing.

The BBC obviously knew a good thing when they saw it, and snapped him up for Luther; its own big new cop drama. Here he very much takes centre stage, whereas in The Wire he was one of many who made up a terrific ensemble cast.

I usually avoid this kind of show like the plague, but thought I'd tune in on the strength of his casting.

The results are mixed, however.

Elba's performance is solid enough, but the show is too bogged down in clichés to really make much of an impression.

Like every TV cop with a maverick streak, John Luther has woman troubles, seems almost consumed by self-loathing and has flashback problems which give him a huge chip on his shoulder.

He broods a lot, too. He has a dark side, you see, and if you didn't see that coming a mile off then you should get down to Specsavers.

I accept that a cop drama might be hard going if the character was

whiter than white, but the same old plot devices come up time and time again.

Would it really be that hard to draw up something new, to make the character stand out from the crowd a bit?

The show is pretty nice to look at, and the streets of London are shot with panache, but was revealing the wrongdoer, before the plot unfolded, really a wise move?

Luther is not a disaster just a little unoriginal and by the book to really warrant too much praise.

There is certainly room for improvement and perhaps this will get better as we learn a bit more about why the character is the way he is.

Let's just hope for a few surprises along the way or this could tail off into just another cop show territory.

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Peugeot sales boosted in its bicentennial year

APRIL saw another strong performance from Peugeot in the run up to its 200th anniversary in May.

While the overall UK car market reported an 11.5 per cent increase last month against April 2009, the French marque leapt 21.6, helped by a huge boost to sales of its HDi diesel models (+53.4).

Two of the other success stories were the Peugeot 3008 crossover (What Car? Car of the Year 2010) and the refined Peugeot 5008 (pictured and also What Car? MPV of the Year 2010).



Second edition Skodas are towing the Greeline

FOLLOWING facelifts for its Fabia supermini and Roomster MPV, Skoda Auto has unveiled Fabia Estate and Roomster GreenLine II versions.

These are second generation environmentally-friendly models from the Czech marque, with major changes including a new 1.2TDI diesel, start-stop technology and energy recuperation. The new engine delivers 83.1 mpg and CO2 emissions of 89 g/km in the Fabia estate version and 67.3 and 109 g/km respectively for the Roomster. Prices to be announced.



BEAUTY THAT'S A BEAST: Nissan's excellent 370Z represents superb value for money when compared to German sporty rivals such as the Audi TT, BMW Z4 and Porsche Boxster

Latest Z-Car continues to uphold proud legacy

NISSAN launched its original 'Z' sports coupé here in 1970's.

The dynasty has not always impressed like that debutante though – then known as a Datsun – but the beefy 2003 vintage 350Z marked an impressive return to form. And it made way last year for the excellent 370Z derivative tested here in flagship GT form.

This ticks open boxes left by its predecessor; nobody doubted the 350Z's value for money, but the newer car's cabin is closer to its £28,345 to £31,645 price band.

And while the 350Z appeared muscular, some saw it as porkiness; the 370Z is actually seven centimetres shorter yet looks more slim-waisted.

A rather intrusive bracing bar behind the 350Z's front seats has been lowered and camouflaged too, without affecting the stiffness of the car, which is also 32 kilos lighter.

But don't think the 'Z' has gone soft. The 328bhp 3.7-litre V6 – up from the 350Z's 309bhp – sounds brutal when challenged, revs cleanly (0-60mph in 5.3 seconds) yet feels refined and muted on a high-speed motorway dash.

Like its predecessor though, the 370Z can be

ROAD TEST NISSAN 370Z

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

hard work in traffic, with its heavy clutch and a six-speed gearshift that can feel lumpy at low speeds – the seven-speed auto option might be preferable if you want more all-round ability.

However, the manual option does have Synchro Rev Control (SRC). Nissan calls this "the world's first fully synchronised down/up shift rev control system allowing drivers of any skill level to experience perfectly smooth gear shifts every time." I turned it off soon though, preferring to blip the throttle myself.

The wheelbase is slightly shorter than before, but the rear-driven coupé is well-balanced and the direct steering and lively engine – in both the revs and sound departments – make for an exciting drive. A predictable and well-controlled tendency to step out slightly on the corners make it a real enthusiast's car – especially with the SRC switched off.

It also represents superb value.

Obvious German rivals to the 370Z series – a lovely roadster is also available from £30,445 – are the Audi TT, BMW Z4 and the Porsche Boxster/Cayman.

The Nissan cannot have the same badge cachet, but for ability and standard spec at bargain prices, it must not be ignored.



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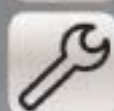
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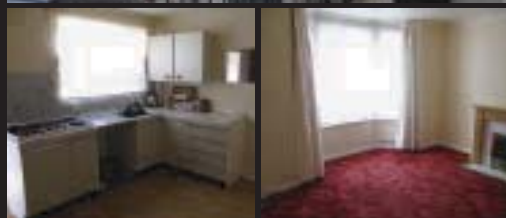
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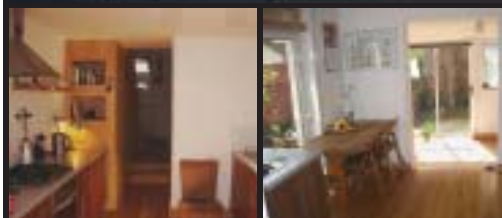
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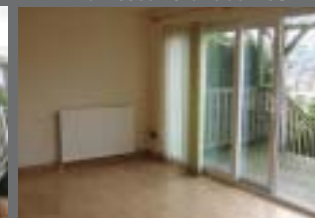
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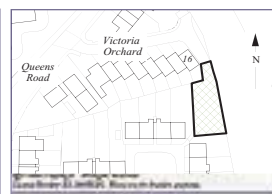
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Medway

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Medway

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Closing date: Wednesday 19 May 2010

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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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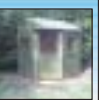
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Cricket League Division One
Folkestone 1st XI v Canterbury 1st XI

A STUBBORN defensive display from Folkestone's lower order prevented Canterbury from winning the opening game of the new cricket season at Cheriton Road.

A century from Neil Kimberley had helped the visitors to an intimidating total. Canterbury's attack took them to the brink of victory, but they were forced to settle for a winning draw after being frustrated by Stuart Graham's 136-ball vigil at the crease.

The hosts won the toss and opted to bowl, a decision which looked increasingly ill-judged as Canterbury proceeded to rack up the runs. Kimberley and opening partner Stuart Drakeley scored at a good rate, sharing 27 boundaries in an opening stand of 204.

Himanshu Waingarkar finally made the breakthrough to dismiss Kimberley for 115 and also trapped Drakeley leg before on 87 shortly afterwards.

Russell Griffiths missed out on the chance to get some early season runs under his belt as he became Waingarkar's third victim for just seven. Paul Steer (38) and Stuart Sinclair (25) were both unbeaten when the overs ran out, steering Canterbury to an impressive total of 300 for 3.

Folkestone were in trouble early on in their innings, as Ryan Minter and Ben Cooper took two wickets apiece to help reduce the hosts to 48 for 5. It quickly got worse and defeat seemed inevitable when Drakeley claimed his fourth wicket to leave Andy Bray's side on 124 for 9.

But Stuart Graham teamed up with number 11 Dan Matcham to block out the remaining overs and halt Canterbury agonisingly close to the victory line.

Batsmen dig in to
earn valuable draw

HOW'S THAT? Folkestone spinner Himanshu Waingarkar appeals for the first of his two successful lbw decisions

SCOREBOARD

Canterbury

	Runs
Neil Kimberley b Waingankar	115
Stuart Drakeley lbw b Waingankar	87
Paul Steer not out	38
Russell Griffiths lbw b Waingankar	7
Stuart Sinclair not out	25
Justin Macvicar did not bat	
Ryan Minter did not bat	
Ben Clarke did not bat	
Tim Wren did not bat	
Josh Staunton did not bat	
Ben Cooper did not bat	
Extras (5b 9lb 6w 8nb)	28
Total (3 wickets, 50 overs)	300

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Michael James	11	1	75	0
Andy Bray	12	2	54	0
Bradley Goodsell	4	0	31	0
Himanshu Waingankar	15	1	60	3
Dan Matcham	3	0	28	0
Joshua Bryen	5	0	38	0

Folkestone

	Runs
David Miles ct Macvicar b Minter	23
Himanshu Waingankar b Clarke	9
Daniel Clark ct Griffiths b Minter	4
Joshua Bryen lbw b Cooper	3
Stuart Graham not out	61
Nick Graham ct Staunton b Cooper	0
Jamie Dawes ct Staunton b Drakeley	16
Michael James ct Sinclair b Drakeley	15
Andy Bray ct Sinclair b Drakeley	0
Bradley Goodsell ct Sinclair b Drakeley	1
Dan Matcham not out	2
Extras (4b 1lb 8w 4nb)	17
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	151

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	8	0	32	2
Ben Clarke	6	1	26	1
Ben Cooper	9	3	21	2
Justin Macvicar	4	1	14	0
Stuart Drakeley	14	3	32	4
Tim Wren	9	3	21	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Hythe 1st XI v Whitstable 1st XI

AN excellent all-round display by Hythe's Daniel Patching could not stop Whitstable getting their season off to a good start with a 23-run victory.

Patching took 4 for 35 as the visitors were limited to 169 for 9 from their 50 overs. The majority of the batting line-up made decent starts to their innings, but none were able to make a significant score.

Hythe fared no better with the bat, apart from Patching's 41, as Ben Trott, James Loader and James Mills all took three wickets to dismiss the hosts in the 48th over.

Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell c&b Patching	21
David Draper b Squire	6
Sam Denly b Patching	35
James Medhurst b Patching	0
James Loader ct Blunden b Patching	2
Ben Trott b Maurice	24
James Mills b Hemphrey	14
Elliot Lewis b Hemphrey	14
Dean Lewis lbw b Hemphrey	2
Josh Gould not out	31
Duncan Hardy not out	10
Extras (7b 3lb)	10
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	169

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	15	6	35	4
Trevor Squire	13	2	51	1
Andrew Maurice	5	0	41	1
James Hemphrey	7	3	9	3
Jago Pearson	10	2	23	0

Hythe 1st XI

	Runs
Christopher Maurice run out	11
Lochan Blunden b Mills	1
Tim Pichowski ct Draper b Mills	13
Leon Morgan lbw b Trott	6
James Watson ct Denly b Loader	22
Jon Smith ct Denly b Trott	0
Daniel Patching lbw b Loader	41
Jago Pearson ct Loader b Loader	8
Andrew Maurice b Trott	28
Trevor Squire not out	9
Jamie Hemphrey lbw b Mills	2
Extras (2lb 2w 1nb)	5
Total (all out, 471 overs)	146

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ben Trott	14	1	45	3
James Mills	11.1	1	40	3
James Loader	12	3	33	3
Josh Gould	10	2	26	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sandwich Town 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

SANDWICH Town were unable to salvage anything more than a losing draw despite a good display with the ball against Blackheath on Saturday.

Skipper Matthew van Poppel made good use of winning the toss, taking 5 for 61 as the visitors were all out for 200 with two balls remaining.

David Scoggins and Vishaul Singh both hit 36, but a lack of runs in the middle order proved costly. In the end the hosts were merely able to survive and finished with one wicket intact, still 49 runs short of victory.

Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Zobie Sharif lbw b Spanton	24
Stuart Fern ct Lawrence b Evans	3
Jack Ford ct Singh b van Poppel	20
Aaron Alley lbw b Amos	56
Chris Willetts lbw b van Poppel	10
Jahid Ahmed ct Lawrence b Amos	41
Paul Valkovics not out	35
Ruel Shepherd b van Poppel	4
Matt Brathwaite b van Poppel	0
James Hands b van Poppel	2
Richard Woods lbw b Spanton	1
Extras (2b 2w)	4
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	200

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10.4	2	27	2
Liam Evans	9	1	41	1
Matthew van Poppel	15	2	61	5
Alan Amos	15	1	69	2

Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Alley b Hands	11
David Scoggins lbw b Woods	36
Stuart Smith ct Shepherd b Hands	17
Vishaul Singh ct Hands b Brathwaite	36
Gary Burgess ct Shepherd b Brathwaite	7
Tom Chapman ct Shepherd b Brathwaite	4
Gavin Lawrence not out	13
Craig Spanton lbw b Hands	5
Liam Evans b Brathwaite	7
Matthew van Poppel b Brathwaite	0
Alan Amos not out	2
Extras (4b 4lb 6w)	14
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	152

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Ruel Brathwaite	14	2	37	5
Jahid Ahmed	5	1	16	0
James Hands	15	4	34	3
Paul Valkovics	4	0	12	0
Aaron Alley	2	0	6	0
Richard Woods	5	1	19	1
Zobie Sharif	5	0	20	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sibton Park 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

A DISASTROUS display with the bat from Ashford Town saw Sibton Park romp to a 123-run opening day victory.

Andy Allon (80) and Tim Bishop (60) set the home side on their way in Lymeing, but leg-spinner Craig Buckham's 6 for 48 restored the balance in the game.

A target of 215 was achievable, but Ashford made a mess of their reply. Steven Rowe did the damage, removing the top five batsmen to leave the visitors floundering on 31 for 5.

Sam Kennett's 27 was the only resistance as Ashford were skittled out for 91.

Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
Jamie Keeler b Raza	0
Andy Allon ct Tegg b Buckham	80
Tim Bishop hit wicket b Buckham	60
Ben Allon ct Buckham b Buckham	0
Steve Hobbs ct McAlister b Buckham	13
Martin Wren b Buckham	14
Steve Hickmott ct Raza b Buckham	18
Steven Rowe not out	9
Sam Newman not out	2
Gareth Meers did not bat	
James Smith did not bat	
Extras (8lb 5w 5nb)	18
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	214

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	12	3	48	1
Luca Sardo	5	0	27	0
Darren Cooper	11	0	40	0
Sam Kennett	3	0	22	0
Craig Buckham	15	2	48	6
Liam Tegg	4	0	21	0

Ashford Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Buckham lbw b Rowe	2
Liam Tegg ct Hobbs b Rowe	21
Luke Reeves b Rowe	0
Gary Sutton lbw b Rowe	7
Kyle McAlister b Rowe	0
Peter Shields b Meers	12
James Rodway lbw b Meers	4
Sam Kennett ct Hobbs b Newman	27
Mohsin Raza lbw b Allon	9
Luca Sardo ct Wren b Newman	0
Darren Cooper not out	0
Extras (4b 2lb 3w)	9
Total (all out, 36.2 overs)	91

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	12	4	17	5
Tim Smith	10	2	26	0
Gareth Meers	5	0	12	2
Sam Newman	8.2	1	30	2
Andy Allon	1	1	0	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE
Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI v
Blackheath 3rd XI

A BRISK run chase saw Deal Victoria comfortably beat Blackheath 3rds by eight wickets on Saturday.

Half-centuries from Hamish Purdey and Matthew Gill helped the visitors to 210 for 7 from their allocation. Scott McNamara was the pick of the Deal bowlers, taking 3 for 36.

A target of 211 did not look overly straightforward, but the hosts knocked the runs off with ease. Scoring at almost five runs an over they won the game with almost seven overs to spare. Ben Smith's 86 was the key, ably supported by David Gibb (46) and Andrew Furness (49 not out).

Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Steve Turner ct Smith b S McNamara	31
Joe Ryan st Furness b Moran	7
Simon Martin b S McNamara	24
Mitu Ahmed ct Furness b S McNamara	10
Hamish Purdey not out	63
Matthew Gill ct Walker b G McNamara	58
Mehdi Abbas ct Beu b Killip	14
Matt Orford b Killip	2
Chris Brassington did not bat	
Daniel Carter did not bat	
Morgan Mahoney did not bat	
Extras (1b)	1
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	210

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	15	6	36	3
Stephen Moran	10	2	39	1
Sam Killip	15	1	80	2
Graham McNamara	10	0	54	1

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI

	Runs
Shane Beu b Brassington	14
Ben Smith not out	86
David Gibb lbw b Orford	46
Andrew Furness not out	49
Leigh Walker did not bat	
Sam Killip did not bat	
Robbie Brannan did not bat	
Scott McNamara did not bat	
Stephen Moran did not bat	
Ryan Taylor did not bat	
Graham McNamara did not bat	
Extras (6b 10lb 2w 1nb)	19
Total (2 wickets, 43.1 overs)	214

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Carter	6	2	28	0
Chris Brassington	9	1	56	1
Simon Martin	7	0	23	0
Matt Orford	11	1	37	1
Morgan Mahoney	6	0	22	0
Mehdi Abbas	4.1	0	32	0

Four depart Crabble as Hess targets promotion

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

ANDY Hessenthaler intends to bring in six new signings during the summer after releasing four of this season's Dover squad.

The Whites boss held a meeting with his chairman last week to discuss what is needed to get promotion next season and it was decided releasing goalkeeper John Whitehouse, defender Jake Leberl, Danny Walder and striker Frannie Collin would help free up some money in the budget to get the right players in. Hessenthaler is to offer new deals to the rest of his squad, who are all out of contract, and will begin his search for new faces. Goalkeepers Ross Flitney, Lee Hook and striker Adam Birchall are the only squad members who are contracted for next season.

Hessenthaler said: "Firstly I hope all of the squad I offer deals to will stay for next season and I hope that will be sorted by the end of next week. I think we perhaps need to bring in around six players. We will definitely need another striker and a left-sided midfield player, ideally I'm looking to build a squad of 18-19 players."

Probably the most surprising decision was to release Collin, who has been an integral part of Dover's success over the last three years. The former Gillingham striker has struggled



RELEASED: Striker Frannie Collin, who helped Dover to back-to-back promotions, will be looking for a new club next season

with injuries this season, but still made 27 league appearances this season and bagged 11 goals. However, the Dover boss feels he needs a new start.

He said: "Frannie has been brilliant since I have come here, but I felt he needed a fresh start somewhere else. It was a tough decision but I have to make these calls and in some ways I hope he proves me wrong."

"To let go of John Whitehouse was difficult but with Lee Hook and Ross Flitney on the books I can't really carry a third goalkeeper. Danny Walder has done a great job but I see Matt Fish as our first choice right-back next season."

Hessenthaler said he is hoping to offer defender Craig Cloke a new appearance-related contract.

FOOTBALL



OFFER: Josh Burchell has been asked back

Cugley in the market for whole new breed

NEIL Cugley will be scouring the market for pacy players and midfielders with an eye for goal this summer as he looks to make his Folkestone Invicta side competitive following promotion.

The Seasiders will play in the Ryman Premier in August after going up via the play-offs earlier this month and thoughts are already turning to what will be needed next term.

Folkestone's small squad will almost certainly need supplementing during the close season if they are to adjust to the higher level. Cugley, the Invicta manager, highlighted two areas he will prioritise as the process of searching for additions takes place in the next few weeks.

He said: "We definitely need a bit of pace and obviously we need something in midfield, we desperately need goals from midfield. We don't get enough from them at all and don't look like scoring. In that system you've got to get midfield players getting goals."

Cugley will not be able to make any definitive changes until a playing budget for the new season is finalised. With the club just three months into a five-year Company Voluntary Arrangement to clear its large debts, the amount the Invicta boss will have to spend is unlikely to change markedly.

Chairman Lynn Woods made it clear the finances would remain lean, but did not believe it prevented the team from enjoying a successful season.

He said: "It goes for every club at that level. You get the odd club which enjoys the support of a benefactor, but Folkestone's not one of those. I don't think we'll be any less challenged than other clubs at our level."

The club announced last month seven players had signed contracts for next season. Cugley is keen to retain the rest, with the whole of the squad invited back for pre-season training.

Dover end season with sevens defeat

RUGBY

DOVER missed out on finishing the season with silverware as they were beaten in the final of the East Kent Sevens, held at Crabble on Sunday.

With four teams pulling out of the competition at late notice, Dover stretched their resources to field three sides and ensure the full quota of 16 teams could take part.

Dover's second-team reached the semi-finals of the Plate competition before going down to Ashford but they, in turn, were beaten by Royal Bank of Scotland who lifted the trophy.

The final could have pitted local rivals Deal & Betteshanger and Dover against each other after both battled through to the last four, but Deal's dream came to an end as they lost to Warlingham.

Dover won impressively against University of Kent in a tough encounter but they fell at the final hurdle as Warlingham ran out 19-17 winners in an entertaining spectacle.

Any on-field disappointment was soon put to one side, however, as Dover players and supporters were left to reflect on a successful day and a season which took them to the brink of National League rugby.

Meanwhile, the Dover trio of Martyn Beamont, Ricky Mackintosh and Buster Collins all played in Kent's 55-15 win over Hampshire at Basingstoke RFC.



DEFEATED: No silver for Dover this season

Tough tour days are over for Prince's head golfer

GOLF

ANTHONY Tarchetti is reveling in his new role as head professional at Prince's Golf Club after years struggling to get on to the European Tour.

The Hythe golfer enjoyed some success, notably winning the PGA South Region Order of Merit, but was never able to gain a full card on the elite European Tour.

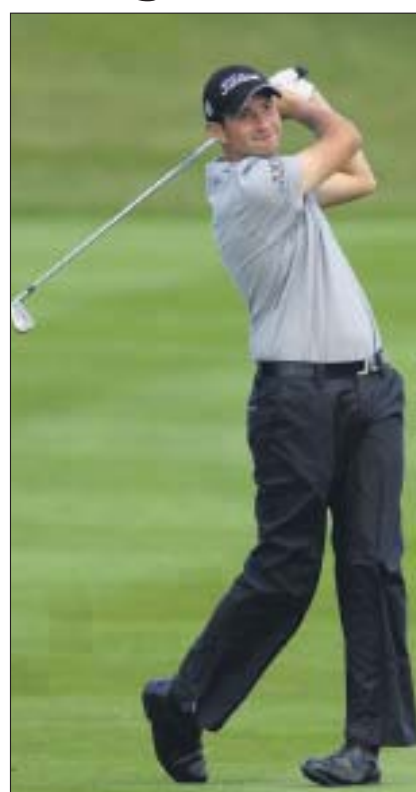
With his first child born last year, Tarchetti opted in March for the greater security of a permanent job at Prince's.

He said: "I'm really enjoying the new job, Prince's is a great club and it was an opportunity I didn't want to lose. My weekly routine has changed dramatically but I get to spend more time with the family. I'm just going to play golf this year for enjoyment."

The 29-year-old got a taste of the big time after winning the regional Order of Merit title, which granted him access to several events on the European Tour. It was only a fleeting experience and Tarchetti admits the reality of life on the lower level circuits is hard.

He said: "People think playing professionally is glamorous because of what they see on TV, but it can be tough. Playing on the Challenge Tour and EuroPro Tour can cost £500-£1,000 a week to play. If you don't perform you're losing money. It's unbelievably difficult and you're just thinking you have to pay all your bills."

Tarchetti still intends to compete regularly. He was in action yesterday at Maidstone's Tudor Park in a qualifying event for the inaugural English PGA Championship in July.



SECURE: Anthony Tarchetti is happy with his new role

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